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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Serial No. 09/516,753, filed 03/01/2000.

Serial No. 09/864,389, filed 05/25/01.

Serial No. 09/864,160, filed 05/25/01.

Serial No. 10/040,789, filed 01/09/02.

Serial No. 10/236,144, filed 09/06/02

Serial No. 10/619,837, filed 07/14/03

Serial No. 10/660,883, filed 09/12/03.

Serial No. 11/395,751, filed 01/31/06.

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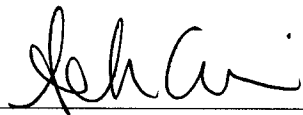
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Remarks

Applicant hereby submits the attached supplemental information disclosure statement pursuant to the recent Federal Circuit opinion in McKesson Info. Solutions, Inc. v. Bridge Med., Inc., 487 F. 3d 897 (Fed. Cir. 2007), and the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. Pursuant to McKesson, the references contained in the supplemental information disclosure statement include Official Action(s) and Notice(s) of Allowance from co-pending related applications. The supplemental information disclosure statement also includes prior art not previously cited.

Respectfully submitted,
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VB	1.	<p>Office Actions and Responses to Office Actions of related U.S. Application No. 09/516,753, issued as U.S. Pat. No. 7,141,062:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of Allowance mailed 7/28/06 • Amendment and Response to Final Office Action dated 6/8/06. • Final Office Action dated 12/8/05. • Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action dated 8/15/05. • Non-Final Office Action dated 3/15/05. • Response to Election Requirement dated 11/2/04. • Election Requirement dated 8/11/04. • Amendment and Response to Final Office Action dated 5/13/04. • Final Office Action dated 2/6/04. • Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action dated 11/13/03. • Non-Final Office Action dated 8/13/03. • Amendment and Response to Final Office Action dated 6/2/03. • Final Office Action dated 12/3/02. • Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action dated 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Final Office Action dated 1/30/02.
VB	2.	<p>Office Actions, Responses to Office Actions and Notice of Allowance of related U.S. Application No. 09/795,794, issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,709,453:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Final Office Action dated 12/20/01. • Response to Office Action dated 6/19/02. • Supplemental Amendment dated 8/5/02. • Final Office Action dated 1/30/03. • Amendment and Response to Final Office Action dated 5/1/03. • Non-Final Office Action dated 7/15/03 • Amendment and Response to Final Office Action dated 9/11/03. • Supplemental Response dated 9/17/03. • Supplemental Response dated 9/22/03. • Notice of Allowance dated 9/24/03.
VB	3.	<p>Office Actions and Responses to Office Actions of related U.S. Application No. 09/864,389</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Rejection dated 2/5/08 • Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action dated 9/28/07 • Non-Final Office Action dated 3/28/07 • Amendment and Response to Final Office Action and Request for Continued Examination dated 9/8/06 • Final Office Action dated 8/10/05 • Examiner Interview Summary dated 8/10/05 • Supplemental Amendment dated 8/3/05 • Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action dated 4/15/05 • Non-Final Office Action dated 1/12/05 • Amendment and Response to Final Office Action and Request for Continued Examination dated 10/18/04

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VB	4.	<p>Office Actions, Responses to Office Actions and Notice of Allowance of related U.S. Application No. 09/864,160, issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,723,119:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Final Office Action dated 1/29/02. • Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action dated 6/26/02. • Supplemental Response dated 8/5/02. • Final Office Action dated 12/3/02. • Notice of Appeal dated 6/3/02. • Notice of Allowance dated 9/26/03. • Response After Final dated 9/11/03. • Supplemental Response After Final dated 9/17/03.
VB	5.	<p>Office Actions and Responses to Office Actions of related U.S. Application No. 10/040,789, now abandoned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of Abandonment dated 6/6/05. • Response to Non-Compliant Amendment dated 4/21/05. • Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated 3/21/05. • Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action dated 2/24/05. • Non-Final Office Action dated 8/25/04. • Preliminary Amendment dated 1/16/03.
VB	6.	<p>Office Actions and Responses to Office Actions of related U.S. Application No. 10/236,144:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendment and Response to Final Office Action dated 1/9/08

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VB	7.	Office Actions and Responses to Office Actions of related U.S. Application No. 10/619,837: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Response to Non-Final Office Action and Terminal Disclaimer dated 2/4/08• Non-Final Office Action dated 10/4/07• Response to Election Requirement dated 2/5/07• Election Requirement dated 1/4/07		
VB	8.	Office Actions and Responses to Office Actions of related U.S. Application No. 10/660,883: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Response to Non-Final Office Action dated 1/25/08• Non-Final Office Action dated 10/25/07		
VB	9.	Office Actions and Responses to Office Actions of related U.S. Application No. 11/395,751: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amendment and Response to Election Requirement dated 12/10/07.• Requirement for Restriction/Election dated 11/8/07.• Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action dated 7/11/07.• Non-Final Office Action dated 4/11/07.		
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